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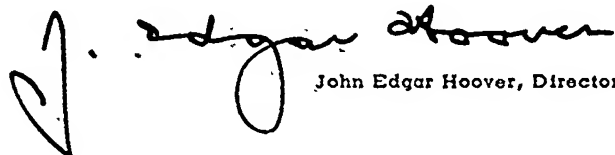
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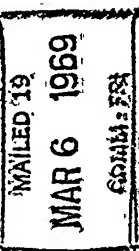
To: FBI, Cleveland (145-0)

Date: March 6, 1969

Re: "PEEK" MAGAZINE
STAR DISTRIBUTORS
P. O. BOX 362, CANAL STREET
STATION, NEW YORK, NEW YORK
ITOM
John Edgar Hoover, DirectorFBI FILE NO. REC-138 145-4279 -/
Lab. No. D-690220090 ILExamination requested by: 00: Cleveland
ClevelandReference: Letter 2-18-69 ^{ML} ST-103

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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by Letter 10-20-76
Per FOIA Request (u)

Enclosures (3) (Q1, 2 Lab rpt)

JLB:NOB (4)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
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Sullivan _____
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Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date:

March 6, 1969

 Re: "PEEK" MAGAZINE
 STAR DISTRIBUTORS
 P. O. BOX 362, CANAL STREET
 STATION, NEW YORK, NEW YORK
 ITOM

FBI File No.

145-4279

Lab. No.

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*referred to Cleveland
to be returned to local
authorities per memo*

Specimens received 2-19-69

One magazine further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u>
Q1	PEEK	---	1968	Foto-Form Publications New York, N.Y.

Result of examination:

Q1 was not identified with material of a similar nature previously received in the Laboratory.

As requested, Q1 is returned herewith for eventual return to the local authorities at Mentor, Ohio.

Tolson _____
 DeLoach JLB:NOB (4)
 Mohr _____
 Bishop _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 Felt _____
 Gale _____
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holmes _____
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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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2-27-69
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re: "PEEK" MAGAZINE
STAR DISTRIBUTORS
P. O. BOX 362, CANAL STREET
STATION, NEW YORK, NEW YORK
ITOM

File # 145-4279 -1
Lab. # D-690220090 IL

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00: Cleveland
Examination requested by: Cleveland (145-0)

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 2-19-69

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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① Q1 neg. O.F.

② As rep., Q1 returned bureau for ^{examined} returned to
the local authorities, Mentor, Ohio.

Specimens submitted for examination.

One magazine further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u>
NI Q1	PEEK	—	1968	Foto-Forum Publications New York, N.Y.

Inner enclosure envelope w/ 1 size larger than metal clasp w/

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3-6-69
JLB:KRB

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 2-18-69

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (145-0)

SUBJECT: "PEEK" MAGAZINE
STAR DISTRIBUTORS
P.O. BOX 362, CANAL STREET STATION
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
ITOM

690220090

OO: Cleveland

For the information of the FBI Laboratory, enclosed herewith is a copy of "Peek" magazine, distributed by "Star Distributors, P. O. Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York," which publication was made available to SA [redacted] by Chief of Police JAMES AGARD, Mentor, Ohio, Police Department.

Chief of Police AGARD advised the aforementioned publication was brought to his office by [redacted] Mentor, Ohio.

[redacted] indicated that her husband had discovered this magazine on their front lawn, enclosed in a brown paper bag.

This publication is being submitted to the FBI Laboratory for information purposes, and should be returned to the Cleveland Office upon completion of appropriate examination, so it may be returned to local authorities Mentor, Ohio.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
1 - Cleveland

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Lab
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JLB:MM

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12/15/69
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS; dba Star Distributors,
P. O. Box 362
Canal Street Station, New York, New York
ITOM
OO: New York

NO LAB FILE
File # 145-4279-2
Lab. # D-691215026 AV

Examination requested by: Miami (145-703) 12/9/69

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 12/12/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Brittain *CCW/12/22/69*

*1. NI Q1-Q4 in O.F.
2. Fwd Q1-Q4 to NY.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Four magazines further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>PUBLISHER OR COPYRIGHT</u>
<i>NI</i> Q1	BRAZEN CONFESSIONS	---	---	DISTRIBUTORS: STAR DISTRIBUTORS P. O. BOX 362 CANAL ST. STATION, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10013
<i>NI</i> Q2	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	1	1	"
<i>NI</i> Q3	RAW CONFESSIONS	---	---	"
<i>NI</i> Q4	SWINGERS SCENE	3	1	"

Forward evidence to New York

② New York (145-2819)

*Trans. Lab report
12/23/69
CWB: sk
2 #5 envelopes*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 12/9/69

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (145-703) (RHC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; dba
Star Distributors,
P.O. Box 362
Canal Street Station,
New York, New York
ITOM
(00 - New York)

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Enclosed for the attention to the FBI Laboratory are one copy each of the following described four magazines, labeled OBSCENE:

1. "BRAZEN CONFESSIONS"
2. "RAW CONFESSIONS"
3. "INTIMATE COMPANIONS"
4. "SWINGERS SCENE"

Enclosed for the New York Office are nine copies of each of the following FD-302's:

11/24/69

ROBERT A. MESSINA, 11/25/69

ROBERT A. MESSINA, 11/28/69

The above magazines, published by Star Distributors, P.O. Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York, address

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. - 4) (RM)
- 2 - New York (Enc. - 27) (145-2819)
- 1 - Miami

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150 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, were obtained by purchase, at \$3.50 each, from ROBERT A. MESSINA, warehouseman, Tropical News, Inc., 18335 NE 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida, a wholesaler of paperback books and magazines with sexually oriented themes. Magazines #1 and #2, above, were purchased by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY on 11/25/69. Magazines #3 and #4 were purchased by SA KELLY on 11/28/69.

Magazines #1 and #2, above, shipped to Tropical News, Inc., are reflected in Star un-numbered invoice, dated 10/29/69, in quantities of 100 each. These magazines were received at Tropical on 10/31/69, under freight bill #4443547, of Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Inc., Dade County, Florida.

One hundred copies of magazines #3 and #4, above, were received by Tropical on 11/18/69. The invoice and freight bill covering shipment were not available at Tropical on 11/28/69, but are believed to be in the possession of the [redacted] Tropical, [redacted] who in the past has cooperated with the Miami Office in ITOM matters. In the event copies of these documents are later required, Miami will attempt to obtain them, when and if so instructed by the New York Office.

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed four obscene magazines to determine if similar material has previously been furnished to the Laboratory. New York and Miami should be advised of results of examination.

Thereafter, the Laboratory is requested to forward the enclosed magazines to the New York Office for presentation to the Office of the United States Attorney for a prosecutive opinion, noting that the photos in these magazines depict some of the actions described in the printed story lines of each magazine.

SAC, New York (145-2619)

January 16, 1970

Director, FBI

UNSUBS DBA
STAR DISTRIBUTORS
P. O. BOX 362
CANAL STREET STATION
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
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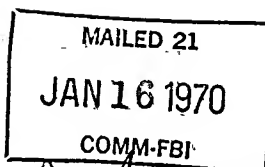
New York furnished Bureau letter captioned "Unsub; Shipment of Package Containing Pornography, United Airlines Flight 935, 9-19-69; ITOM" dated 11-25-69. This communication indicated a report in captioned matter i.e. Star Distributors etc., was being prepared. Bureau files do not contain a report in this matter. If one has been sent furnish date and by whom made. If one has not been sent advise reason for delay.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Walters _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

1 - Mr. Brittain



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Miami (145-703)

Date: December 23, 1969

Re: UNSUBS; dba Star Distributors,
P. O. Box 362
Canal Street Station, New York,
New York.
ITOM

OO: New York

Examination requested by:

Miami

Reference:

Letter 12/9/69

Examination requested:

Document

Remarks:

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

145-4279 -2

Lab. No.

D-691215026 AV

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Per FOIA Request 145

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - New York (145-2819) Enclosures (6) (Q1 - Q4, 2 Lab report)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Walters _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐b6
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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Miami (145-703)

Date: December 23, 1969
FBI File No. 145-4279
Lab. No. D-691215026 AVRe: UNSUBS; dba Star Distributors,
P. O. Box 362
Canal Street Station, New York, New York
ITOMQ1 -> 04 destroyed
Quinn Box #18 6/2/71

Specimens received 12/12/69

Four magazines further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	TITLE	NUMBER	VOLUME	PUBLISHER OR COPYRIGHT
Q1	BRAZEN CONFESSIONS	---	---	DISTRIBUTORS: STAR DISTRIBUTORS P. O. BOX 362 CANAL ST. STATION, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10013
Q2	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	1	1	"
Q3	RAW CONFESSIONS	---	---	"
Q4	SWINGERS SCENE	3	1	"

Result of examination: -

The magazines described above as specimens Q1 through Q4 were not identified with material of a similar nature which has been received previously in the Laboratory.

In accordance with your request, specimens Q1 through Q4 are being forwarded with copies of this Laboratory report to the New York Office.

CWB:sk (6)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (145-2819)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS DBA
STAR DISTRIBUTORS
P. O. BOX 362
CANAL STREET STATION
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
ITOM

DATE: 1/22/70

ReBulet 1/16/70.

Above-captioned matter is assigned to SA [redacted]
[redacted] SA [redacted] is presently attending the Criminal In-Service
Class (January 12 - January 23, 1970). A report will be sub-
mitted to the Bureau upon SA [redacted] return to the New York
Office.

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2 - Bureau
1 - New York

JWJ:RAA
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W. R. [signature]
[signature]

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, New York (145-2819)

Date: February 17, 1970

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED
150 Lafayette Street,
New York City, N.Y.;
ITOM
OO: NEW YORK

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FBI File No.

Lab. No.

REC-126 145-4279 -5
D-700206036 AV

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter dated 2/4/70

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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by Letter 10-26-76
Per FOIA Request kw

Enclosures (4) (Q5-Q6, 2 Lab report)

1-Miami Enclosure (Lab report)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Walters _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, New York (145-2819)

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED
150 Lafayette Street, New York City,
N. Y.;
ITOM

Date: February 17, 1970
FBI File No. 145-4279
Lab. No. D-700206036 AV

Specimens received

2/5/70

One pictorial magazine further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>PUBLISHER OR COPYRIGHT</u>
Q5	SOULMATES	2	1	FOTO FORM PUBLICATIONS NEW YORK, N.Y.

DISTRIBUTORS:
STAR DISTRIBUTORS
P. O. BOX 362, CANAL ST.
STATION, NEW YORK, N.Y.
10013

Q6 One deck of playing cards with nude drawing on back
of males and females in different poses on blue
background.

Results of examination:

The magazine, specimen Q5, and the deck of
cards, specimen Q6, were not identified with the
material of this similar nature which has been received
previously in the Laboratory. Also, the identities
of the bottles in the evidence, Q5 and Q6, were not
determined in the Laboratory examination.

In accordance with your request, specimens
Q5 and Q6 are returned herewith.

CWB:EMM (5)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED
150 Lafayette Street
New York City, N. Y.
ITOM
OO: New York

File # 145-4279 -5
Lab. # D-700206036 AV

Examination requested by: New York (145-2819) 2/4/70

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 2/5/70
Examination by: Brittain *2/16/70*

Result of Examination:

1. N.I. Q5 + Q6 in O.F.
2. Identities of males not det. in Lab

Specimens submitted for examination

One pictorial magazine further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>PUBLISHER OR COPYRIGHT</u>
N I Q5	SOULMATES	2	1	FOTO FORM PUBLICATIONS NEW YORK, N.Y.
				DISTRIBUTORS: STAR DISTRIBUTORS P. O. BOX 362, CANAL ST. STATIONS, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10013

~~One deck of~~ N~~I~~ Q6 One deck of ~~obscene~~ playing cards with nude ~~draw~~ drawing on back
of males and females in different poses on blue background

Return evidence

*Put report
CWB-EMM
2-17-70*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (145-4279)
FROM: *[Signature]* Att: FBI Laboratory (D-69121
5026D)
SAC, New York (145-2819)

DATE: 2/4/70

SUBJECT: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED
150 Lafayette Street
New York City, N. Y.
ITOM
00: NY

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Attached are one copy of Soulmates, Vol. 1, No. 2,
and one deck of playing cards, distributed by captioned company.

Bureau is requested to advise if same have been sub-
mitted by other offices and if any of the models are known.

After review said magazine and playing cards are to be
returned to NYO.

COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB.

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ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
1 - New York

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 2/9/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/30/69 - 2/5/70	b6 b7c
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED ROBERT DI BERNARDO aka Robert Bernardo (TRUE NAME) Robert Di Beranarda Robert R. Di Bernardo Frank Ferri "DE"; TITLE CONTINUED COVER PAGE B		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY CRW	
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITOM		

The title is being marked "Changed" to reflect the two principals in Star Distributors and also to reflect the mailing address of Star Distributors.

REFERENCE

New York letter to Director dated 1/30/70 entitled Central Sales Ltd., Baltimore, Maryland; Covina Publishing Co., Inc., Collectors Publication, Inc., City of Industry, California; Star Distributors, Ltd., 150 Lafayette Street, New York, N. Y.

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by Letter 10-20-76
Per FOIA Request 100

ADMINISTRATIVE

On 1/22/70 the Committee on Pornography, Strike Force, Southern District of New York, made available a proposed outline of investigation to be conducted on Star Distributors, New York City, New York; Central Sales, Ltd., Baltimore, Maryland; and Corvina (Collector) Publications, City of Industry, Los Angeles, California.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
COPIES MADE: 4							145-4279-6 REC-30 REC-87 EX-106 FEB 13 1970
2 - Bureau 2 - Baltimore 2 - Miami (145-703) 2 - New Orleans (145-348) 2 - Los Angeles 6 - New York (145-2819)						(1 - 66-7728) (1 - 145-3072) (1 - 145-2648) (1 - 145-2546)	
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations	
Agency						File all copies! 6-655	
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Date Fwd.							
How Fwd.							
By							

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TITLE (cont'd)



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dba Star Distributors, 150
Lafayette Street, New York City,
New York. Mailing address
P. O. Box 362
Canal Street Station
New York, New York

ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

The objective of this investigation is to bring about the elimination of mass distribution of offensively commercialized borderline gloss magazines through a comprehensive investigation by Federal and local authorities into the production, wholesale and retail distribution of the material by these companies.

The Strike Force intends to empanel a local Grand Jury and through same subpoena the corporate books, corporate records, and mailing lists (view toward distribution to minors). The Strike Force also intends to grant immunity to certain witnesses such as peripheral retailers, informants, and defendants in any pending case. The Strike Force then intends to issue search warrants for production material such as printing plates, negatives, and office records, but does not intend large confiscatory seizures.

The Strike Force attorneys were questioned as to the meaning of "commercialized borderline gloss magazines," and the explanation given was, "The magazines now appearing on newsstands or in bookstores reflecting pictures of two nude individuals displaying their private parts in positions suggesting an intention to commit acts of perversion and/or intercourse."

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ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

Examples of said magazines are the following, which are currently being distributed by Star Distributors using the address Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York City, New York:

1. ~~Swingers Scene~~, Vol. 1, No. 3
2. ~~Intimate Companions~~, Vol. 1, No. 1
3. ~~Brazen Confessions~~
4. ~~Raw Confessions~~
5. ~~Soul Mates~~, Vol. 1, No. 2

Magazines No. 1 through 4 have been forwarded to the Bureau by the Miami Office in December, 1969, under the caption UNSUBS, doing business as Star Distributors, Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York, Bureau file 145-4279, Miami file 145-703, Laboratory Number D-691215026AV. The fifth magazine has been obtained by the New York Office and will be forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

The NYO has reviewed the above magazines and pointed out to the Strike Force attorneys, Southern District of New York, that the contents of these magazines did not appear to be "hard core pornography," and based on recent Supreme Court decisions a conviction based on this material would not be sustained. However, the Strike Force attorneys state that to their knowledge this type of magazine which they refer to as "fondling" or "actionable but not hard core" has not been tested in either local or Federal court. They point out that the magazine in question is between the "ordinary spread" magazine and the "hard core" magazine, and they feel that a conviction would be sustained if a large pandering case could be successfully prosecuted. The Strike Force attorneys have therefore selected the above-mentioned three companies which are the largest distributors of the type of material in question, and they intend to join these three companies in one test case.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

With prosecution in mind they suggest a joint local and Federal investigation of the three captioned companies to determine:

1. History of the target corporation
2. Background of the principals
3. Corporate operation
 - a. Material being sold
 - b. Distribution of said material
 - c. Extent of circulation
 - d. Location of production material
4. Placing of informants and/or sources in the company to determine financing, retail tie-ins, location of printing plant, and to obtain mailing lists
5. If available the NYO, Los Angeles Office, and the Baltimore Office should ascertain the number of complaints received by each office from citizens relative to the unsolicited receipt of the above-described magazines through the mail
6. Any tie-in between the three captioned corporations
7. Set forth pending criminal cases either on a local or Federal level

The NYO is not conducting an open investigation at this time and will not furnish any information to the Strike Force, SDNY, without prior Bureau authority.

NYO has requested the Los Angeles and Baltimore Offices to review their files and furnish in report form information concerning the items listed in the Strike Force outline.

NY 145-2819

ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

It is to be noted that ROBERT DI BERNARDO was the subject of a case entitled "ROBERT DI BERNARDO aka ANTI-RACKETEERING, OO NEW YORK, Bufile 92-8950, NYfile 92-3968." This case was opened based on a telephone call made between SALVATORE CATERINICCHIO, 481 Valley Road, Clark, New Jersey, a known associate and member of the SAMUEL DE CAVALCANTE family, and Satellite Wheel Alignment Company, Brooklyn, New York. This phone call was made in 1963 at which time the Satellite Wheel Alignment Company was owned and operated by ROBERT DI BERNARDO. Investigation revealed that ROBERT DI BERNARDO was an associate of one FRANK COCCHIARO who was a member of the DE CAVALCANTE family (LCN).

Investigation was conducted by the NYO and it was established that DI BERNARDO was an associate of various hoodlums in New York City but was not a member of the DE CAVALCANTE family according to member sources and other informants.

Three copies of this report are being designated for New Orleans as the result of a telephone call from New Orleans to New York on 2/4/70. New Orleans had previously requested background information relating to Star Distributors in New Orleans airtel dated 2/2/70 in the title "DELTA BOOK DISTRIBUTORS, INC., Slidell, Louisiana, ITOM, OO NEW ORLEANS, New Orleans file number 145-348, NY file number 145-3072."

The New York City business concern referred to in the body of the report as furnishing information relating to other businesses in New York City is Dun and Bradstreet, New York City, New York. To obtain these records a subpoena duces tecum must be served on said company.

INFORMANTS

On 9/15/69, [] advised that ROBERT DI BERNARDO was connected with Model Books. Informant stated

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INFORMANTS (cont'd)

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The informant further stated

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On 9/25/69, PCI [REDACTED] made available a

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These cards were shown to Departmental Attorney [REDACTED] Strike Force, SDNY, who advised that they were not hard core pornography but what he termed "fondling". Said cards were forwarded to the Bureau, New York letter dated 2/4/70.

On 12/31/69, PCI [REDACTED] advised that to his knowledge Star Distributors is [REDACTED] whom he knows [REDACTED] and ROBERT DI BERNARDO, whom he knows as "DB". He further stated that [REDACTED] the

[REDACTED] Brite Press, is listed as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He further advised that there are approximately three girls, seven or eight men, and that they have a two color press, 23 by 35 and a single color press 23 by 29. He further stated that Star Distributors does their own shooting, makes their own plates but they have their material cut and bound at Snappy Binders. He further advised that Snappy Binders is [REDACTED] individuals known to him as [REDACTED] (LNU) [REDACTED] (LNU) who have been arrested by the NYCPD during the last year.

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Informant stated that to his knowledge, Star Distributors does not handle hard core pornography but only handles what is referred to as "spreads" or "fondling" material.

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The informant was also shown a picture of [redacted] and he advised that he does not recognize [redacted] as being an employee or an officer at Star Distributors.

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During the week of 12/22-29/69, PCI [redacted] advised that he orders his magazines from both Star Distributors, New York City, New York and Central Sales, Baltimore, Maryland. He stated that it is his understanding that some of the people from Star Distributors and others from Central Sales have come together and formed a new outfit by the name of Model Books located in New York City.

On 1/7/70, [redacted] advised that [redacted] of Star Distributors, New York City, New York, recently became a [redacted]

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Informant further stated that there is a connection between Star Distributors, New York City, New York and Central Sales, Baltimore, Maryland. He further advised that Central Sales is being represented in New York City by one ~~RICHIE BASCIANO~~ and that the new firm is operating under the name of Model Distributors located on the Fifth Floor, 244 West 27th Street, New York City, New York.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] Strike Force, New York, New York.

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LEADS (cont'd)

2. Will remain in contact with Lieutenant [redacted] NYCPD, and Patrolman [redacted] NYCPD, for any current information they have relating to Star Distributors, Central Sales and Collectors Publications.

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3. Will obtain a current list of magazines being offered by Star Distributors and determine how same are being shipped.

New York is not setting out any leads for other offices at this time until information requested in referenced letter is received from Baltimore and Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

2/9/70

Office:

New York, New York

Field Office File #:

145-2819

Bureau File #:

Title:

ROBERT DI BERNARDO;

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Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

Synopsis:

Background of Star Distributors, 150
Lafayette Street, NYC, NY, as well as
the two principals, ROBERT DI BERNARDO
and [redacted] set out.

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DETAILS:

On December 31, 1969, information was received
to the effect that Star Distributors is [redacted]
[redacted] also known as [redacted] and ROBERT DI BERNARDO,
also known as "DB."

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This company employs one [redacted] as a [redacted]
and also employs three girls and six or seven men. Said
company is able to shoot their own pictures and make their
own plates and run their material on a two color press or
a single color press. The material is then cut and bound
at Snappy Binders, New York City, New York.

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A New York City business concern, whose records contain information in regard to other concerns doing business in New York City, furnished the following information pertaining to Star Distributors Limited (Incorporated), 150 Lafayette Street, 12th floor, New York, New York, telephone number 226-2550:

This concern was reportedly chartered under New York laws in 1968 as a publisher of books and magazines and as a distributor of same. In 1968 the [redacted] was listed as [redacted] and the Secretary Treasurer as ROBERT DIBERNARDO.

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[redacted] is reported born in [redacted] and was employed in this particular line his entire adult life. [redacted] also is [redacted] and [redacted] of Debne Press, Incorporated, 54 West 21st Street, New York City, and the [redacted] of Bo-Na-Te Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street.

DIBERNARDO is reported to have been born in 1937, is married and formerly owned Seagate Garage and Seaview Garage and was also employed by the Manhattan Beach Service Station. It is reported that in 1963 DIBERNARDO and another individual formed a partnership and operated the Satellite Wheel Alignment Company, 2715 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, but this partnership was dissolved in 1964 and the business was operated solely by DIBERNARDO. This particular business was reported to have been sold to Bobo Wheel Alignment Corporation in October, 1968. DIBERNARDO also appears as an officer of the Gold Spray Car Wash, Incorporated, 2715 Stillwell Avenue, and as the Secretary and Treasurer of Bo-Na-Te Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City.

The affiliated companies which were mentioned and Bo-Na-Te Distributors, Incorporated, 150 Lafayette Street, was chartered under New York laws on May 27, 1968, and operates as an offset printer doing work primarily for Star Distributors, and [redacted] appears as the [redacted] Debne Press, Incor-

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porated, 54 West 21st Street, New York City, was chartered under New York laws on December 6, 1954, and operates as lithographers specializing in offset printing of business forms of advertising work and reflects [redacted] as the [redacted] and [redacted] Gold Spray Car Wash, Incorporated, 2715 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was incorporated under New York laws on September 23, 1965, and operates as a car wash with DIBERNARDO appearing as the principal.

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The operation of Star Distributors is described as the publisher of books and magazines and the distributor of these. Company employs photographers and book layout specialists and the books and magazines which it publishes are sold to retail book and magazine stores and newspaper concessions and are described as "pleasure" books and magazines.

On 11/21/68, Lieutenant [redacted] Public Morals Squad, NYCPD, advised his office, raided the premises on this date of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette St., New York City and arrested ROBERT DE BERNARDO, Treasurer and Secretary;

[redacted] These individuals were charged with violation of [redacted]

[redacted] A search of the premises of Star Distributors failed to reveal any hard core pornography; however, 1000 magazines entitled "Lez 3" and "Lez 4" and 1000 magazines entitled "Peck" were seized along with the plates and negatives for these magazines. Lieutenant [redacted] described "Lez" and "Peck" as "spread" magazines.

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On 2/24/69, [redacted] ROBERT DEBERNARDO voluntarily appeared at the NYO accompanied by their attorney, [redacted] of Baltimore, Maryland. [redacted] DE BERNARDO stated they started Star Distributors on 6/29/68 and since that time have been engaged in the business of printing "girlie" type magazines. Both denied printing any hard core pornography or handling same in their business at any time.

On 12/3/68, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised TC [redacted] from a report dated July, 1968, that [redacted]

[redacted] of Star Distributors, Ltd., 150 Lafayette St., Brooklyn, NY. [redacted] and [redacted] reside at [redacted] Brooklyn, NY. [redacted] is [redacted] years of age and he and [redacted] There is no derogatory information in the files concerning [redacted] or [redacted]

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[redacted] also advised from a report dated October, 1968, that ROBERT DE BERNARDO lists his business as Star Distributors, Ltd., 150 Lafayette St., NYC, and his residence as 370 Fifth Ave., Cedarhurst, NY, with [redacted] who is [redacted] years of age. There is no derogatory information in the file concerning DE BERNARDO or [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised that the files of the Credit Bureau contain no record identifiable with [redacted] or [redacted]

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On 1/6/69, records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYCPD, as caused to be searched by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, show the following arrest record on the below mentioned individuals.

[redacted]
[redacted]
Brooklyn, NY, arrested 11/21/68, charged with violating [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] NY, arrested 11/21/68, charged with violating [redacted]
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NYCPD [redacted]
Brooklyn, NY, arrested 11/21/68, charged with violation [redacted]
[redacted] On 8/3/65, he was arrested and charged with violation of [redacted] and [redacted] On 1/20/66 in Criminal Court, Part I, [redacted] was fined [redacted] or [redacted] On 5/12/60, he was arrested for [redacted] and on 6/6/60 he was acquitted before Magistrate WALLACH. On 10/8/53, he was arrested for [redacted] and on 12/3/53, charges were reduced to [redacted] and [redacted] On latter date he received a suspended sentence and was placed on probation.

NYCPD B#733399- ROBERT DE BERNARDO, 370 Fifth Ave., Cedarhurst, Long Island, New York, was arrested and charged with violating Section 235.05 (promoting obscenity) on 11/21/68.

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On January 6, 1970, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), furnished the following record for one ROBERT DI BERNARDO:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER None Assigned

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD NY NY	Robert Di Bernardo #B733399	11-21-68	Pro obscenity 235.05.1	

Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints. Notations indicated by * are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.

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The following is a description of ROBERT DI
BERNARDO:

Name	ROBERT DI BERNARDO, also known as Robert Bernardo (True Name), Robert Di Beranarda, Robert R. Di Bernardo, Frank Ferri, DB
Sex	Male
Race	White
Weight	175 lbs.
Date of Birth	May 31, 1937
Hair	Reddish brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Residence	370 Fifth Avenue, Cedarhurst, Long Island, New York

Former Employment	Satellite Wheel Alignment Company, 2715 Stilwell Avenue, Brooklyn, New York	b6 b7C
Present Employment	Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, New York	
Associates	FRANK COCCHIARO, FBI No. 4604210	

On January 5, 1970, the Identification Bureau of
the FBI furnished the following record under FBI Number
[redacted] for [redacted]:

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Following is the description of [REDACTED]

Name [REDACTED]

Sex

Male

Race

White

Height

5' 4"

Weight

155 lbs.

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Place of Birth

New York City

Hair

Dark grey

Eyes

Brown

Complexion

Fair

Residence [REDACTED]

Brooklyn New York

Associates [REDACTED]

ROBERT DI BERNARDO, NYCPD No. 733399

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Lieutenant [redacted] Public Moral Squad, New York City Police Department, furnished the following list which reflects the names and addresses of the employees of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, as of November, 1968:

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Lieutenant [redacted] further advised that in a separate investigation, they conducted a raid on November 22, 1968, at Snappy Bindery, Incorporated, 49 East 21st Street, New York City, New York, and arrested [redacted] and SOL SILVERMAN, [redacted] for violation of [redacted]

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Lieutenant [redacted] Public Moral Squad, New York City Police Department, furnished the following list which reflects the names and addresses of the employees of Snappy Bindery, 49 East 21st Street, New York City, New York, as of November, 1968:

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New York City [redacted]

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The following is the background of Debne Press,
54 West 21st Street, New York City, in which [redacted]
[redacted] has an interest, and Satellite Wheel Alignment
Company, 2715 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, in
which ROBERT DI BERNARDO had an interest:

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A New York City business concern, whose records contain information in regard to other concerns doing business in New York City, furnished the following information pertaining to Satellite Wheel Alignment Company, 2715 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, New York:

Background concerning this particular business was not furnished in detail but the business was originally established as a partnership by one [redacted] and ROBERT DIBERNARDO. However, as of April, 1965, [redacted] had withdrawn from the business, and it was solely operated by DIBERNARDO.

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This concern was engaged in front wheel alignment and other types of wheel alignment for all makes and models of automobiles. A majority of the work was done on a cash basis and some credit was extended to known customers. The fixtures and equipment were valued between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

In January, 1969, it was reported that Satellite Wheel Alignment had been sold to Bobo Wheel Alignment Corporation.

Bobo Wheel Alignment Corporation, 2713-15 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number ES 2-1448, was incorporated under New York laws on November 8, 1968, and reflected [redacted] as [redacted] and [redacted] as [redacted]

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[redacted] was reported born in [redacted] and was previously employed at Carz-A-Popping from [redacted] through [redacted] and supposedly is still active in this corporation. [redacted] was reported born in [redacted] and was also employed at Carz-A-Popping which concern is located at 1701 East 17th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Prior to [redacted] employment at the last concern he was employed also by Merit Car Wash.

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This concern is engaged in the front wheel alignment and other types of wheel alignment for all makes and models of automobiles. A majority of the work is done on a cash basis. It is to be noted that the present business was originally stated in 1963 as the Satellite Wheel Alignment Company, and the [redacted] and [redacted] acquired this business in October, 1968, for a consideration of \$30,000 which was paid to ROBERT DIBERNARDO, the Owner of Satellite Wheel Alignment.

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A New York City business concern, whose records contain information in regard to other concerns doing business in New York City, furnished the following information pertaining to Debne Press, Incorporated, 54 West 21st Street, New York City, New York, telephone number WA 9-5100:

This particular concern was chartered in New York on December 6, 1964, as a lithographer and reflects that its officers are [redacted]
as [redacted]

[redacted] was reported born in [redacted] and is in charge of the overall production of the concern. He has been employed in this particular line as a pressman and was elected an officer in 1954.

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[redacted] reported born in [redacted] was employed by this concern for 12 years before being elected an officer in 1969. It is pointed out that [redacted] also appears as the [redacted] of Bo-Na-Te Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, and there is supposedly no intercompany relations.

This concern is a lithography operation specializing in offset printing of business forms and advertising work and maintains over 100 accounts including wholesalers and retailers of stationery as well as advertising agencies and industrial concerns. The officers are reported as active, and there are approximately 12 people employed. The sales are reported at \$250,000 a year and net worth is \$5,000.

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On February 24, 1969, [redacted] and ROBERT DI BERNARDO, who identified themselves as [redacted] and President, respectively, of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, voluntarily appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, accompanied by their attorney, [redacted] Maryland.

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[redacted] and DI BERNARDO, after declining to sign a "Voluntary Appearance" form, upon advise of their attorney, stated that they started Star Distributors at 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, on June 29, 1968, and since that time have been engaged in the business of printing "girlie" type magazines. Both vehemently denied printing any hard-core pornography or handling same in their business at any time.

This appearance at the New York Office by [redacted] and DI BERNARDO was the result of the New York Office attempting to determine if Star Distributors had printed "Jaguar", "Male Nude", "Artist and Models", "Maidens", "Lez #2", "Tan", "Female Nude", which were allegedly shipped from New York City, New York to Detroit, Michigan.

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It is to be noted that N.A.A., PO Box 426, St. James, New York, was distributor of "Tan".

In November, 1968, in the course of a separate investigation, the NYO determined, through [redacted] Postmaster, United States Post Office, that Box 426 was rented by [redacted] New York, doing business under the name [redacted] Associates, and that this box was recently transferred to Post Office Box 380, Canal Street Station, New York City.

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Detective Lieutenant [redacted] 4th Squad, Suffolk County Police Department advised that [redacted] had been arrested October 25, 1968, at [redacted] New York, on a charge of possession of [redacted]

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The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, reflect that [redacted] New York, was arrested under [redacted] on November 21, 1968 by the New York City Police Department, for violation of [redacted]

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[redacted] associates were listed as [redacted]
[redacted] ROBERT DI BERNARDO and [redacted]

[redacted] is described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Also KnownAs	
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6 feet one inch
Weight	167
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown (glasses)
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair, birthmark on face
Residence	[redacted] New York
Business	NAA
Post Office Box	380 Canal Street Station New York City, New York
	Star Distributors 150 Lafayette Street New York City, New York

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On January 2, 1970, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) furnished the following record for [redacted] under FBI Number [redacted]

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The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, reflected that [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, was arrested under [redacted] on November 21, 1968, for violation of [redacted]
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The following is a description of [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Also Known As	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Weight	150
Age	[redacted]
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Swarthy
Residence	[redacted]
Business	Brooklyn, New York Star Distribution 150 Lafayette Street New York City, New York

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Inspector [redacted] Patrol Borough
Manhattan South, New York City Police Department,
advised on January 26, 1970, that on December 29, 1969,
NYCPD arrested [redacted]
Brooklyn, New York, at Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette
Street, New York City, for violation of [redacted]

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[redacted] Seized
at this time were 2,040 copies of "Soulmates", Volume 1,
Number two, published by Foto-Form Publications, New York,
distributed by Star Distributors, Post Office Box 362,
Canal Street Station, New York, New York.

On 2/5/70 Inspector [redacted] Patrol
Borough Manhattan South, New York City Police Department,
advised that on 2/4/70 the New York City Police Department
arrested [redacted] Brooklyn, and
[redacted] New York City, N. Y.,
on the premises of Model Magazine Distributors, Inc.,
244 West 27th Street, New York City, N. Y., and charged same
with violation of [redacted] Inspector
[redacted] stated that their search warrant was based on the
magazine, "Odds and Ends," Vol. 1, No. 1, which is published
by T. R. Press, Inc., North Hollywood, California. No issues
of this magazine were observed but they did confiscate ap-
proximately 68 issues of "Young Stuff No. 2," which is printed
in T. H. P. Vibra Color published by Tudor House Publications
and distributed by Central Sales, Baltimore, Maryland.
Inspector [redacted] stated the arrests were based on the latter
magazine and since the seizure was questionable the arrests
will probably be dismissed.

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By communication dated December 9, 1969, the Miami Office furnished the following investigation regarding Star Distributors, Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York:

The publications named "Brazen Confessions", "Raw Confessions", "Intimate Companions" and "Swingers Scene", were turned over to Departmental Attorney, Strike Force, Southern District of New York, for review.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

12/1/69

Date

[redacted] of the book store known as The Reader's World, 2150 Ponce de Leon Avenue, advised that the magazine entitled "Brazen Confessions" priced at \$3.50 per copy, and published by Star Distributors, Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York, was distributed to The Reader's World by Tropical News, Incorporated, 18335 NE 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida.

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On 11/24/69 at Coral Gables, Florida File # Miami 145-703

by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY/rgl

Date dictated 11/28/69

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

12/1/69

Date

ROBERT A. MESSINA, Warehouseman, Tropical News, Incorporated, 18335 NE 1st Avenue, sold to SA WILLIAM P. KELLY, one copy of each of the following two magazines at a purchase price of \$3.50 each:

"Raw Confessions"
"Brazen Confessions"

Relative to the above identified two magazines MESSINA stated that 100 copies of each of the two magazines were delivered to Tropical News, Incorporated, on October 31, 1969, by Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Incorporated, Dade County, Florida, under Freight Bill Number 4443547. The shipper of the magazines was identified as Star Dist. Ltd., 150 Lafayette Street, New York, 10013. The two magazines in quantities of 100 each, were consigned in one carton.

MESSINA stated that the invoice covering the above described shipment reflects that shipment was made by Star Distributors, Ltd., 150 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, on October 29, 1969, to Tropical News. Cost per magazine is reflected on the Star Distributors Ltd. invoice as \$1.40 per copy.

MESSINA stated that the originals of the invoice and Star freight bill will be maintained at Tropical News, Incorporated.

On 11/25/69 at Dade County, Florida File # Miami 145-703

by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY/rgl

Date dictated 11/28/69

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

12/1/69

Date

ROBERT A. MESSINA, Warehouseman, Tropical News, Incorporated, 18335 NE 1st Avenue, sold to SA WILLIAM P. KELLY one copy each of the following two magazines at \$3.50 each:

"Intimate Companions"
"Swingers Scene"

MESSINA stated that he was unable to locate the invoice or freight bill covering the shipment of the above identified magazines to Tropical News, Incorporated. He stated that he believes the originals of these two documents are in the possession of [redacted] of Tropical News, Incorporated.

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However, from a review of the log book of merchandise received by Tropical News, Incorporated, Mr. MESSINA stated that 100 copies of "Intimate Companions" and 100 copies of "Swingers Scene" were received by Tropical News on November 18, 1969, from Star Distributors, Ltd., 150 LaFayette Street, New York, New York. These magazines were delivered to Tropical News by Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Incorporated, Dade County, Florida.

On 11/28/69 at Dade County, Florida File # Miami 145-703

by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY/rgl Date dictated 11/28/69

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TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES 145-1304

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ANTHONY MICHAEL RIZZI; ITOM 00 LA

Deleted Copy Sent Di Bernardo
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Per FOIA Request ms

RE REPORT OF SA [REDACTED]

NY COPIES TO BUREAU AND LA.

FOR INFORMATION OF LA STAR DISTRIBUTORS INC., HAS BEEN
DESIGNATED AS "TARGET" FOR STRIKE FORCE SDNY.

FOR INFORMATION BUREAU IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE EMPLOYED
OR ASSOCIATED WITH STAR DISTRIBUTORS AND THEIR FINGERPRINTS
AND HANDWRITING SPECIMENS SHOULD BE COMPARED WITH CARTONS
SUBMITTED BY LA INSTANT MATTER.

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CC: MR. WALTERS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO DIRECTOR

NEW YORK

FROM LOS ANGELES (145-1304) (P) 3 P

ANTHONY MICHAEL RIZZI ITOM. 00: LA.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

REREP SA [REDACTED] L.A., JAN. TWENTYSIX LAST,

BUFILE ONE FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR ONE FIVE THREE, NY FILE ONE FOUR FIVE DASH TWO EIGHT ONE ZERO, LA FILE ONE FOUR FIVE DASH ONE ZERO ZERO ONE, WHEREIN RIZZI IDENT TO SUBJECT, SAME NAME, INSTANT INVESTIGATION.

RIZZI ARRESTED THIS DATE BY BUAGENTS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD ON AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT OF AUSA [REDACTED], CHARGING RIZZI WITH RECEIPT OF ONE CARTON OF OBSCENE, LEWD, LASCIVIOUS, AND FILTHY PLAYING CARD WITH PICTURES THEREON WHICH HAD BEEN CARRIED IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE BY UNITED AIRLINES FROM NYC, TO L.A. SHIPMENT MADE FROM STAR DISTRIBUTORS, ONE FIFTY LA FAYETTE ST., NYC., VIA UAL AIR FREIGHT ZERO ONE SIX DASH JFK ZERO EIGHT ONE NINE NINE EIGHT ZERO, DEPOSITED FOR SHIPMENT MARCH SIX, DESCRIBED ON BILL OF LADING CARDS UNQUOTE SHIPMENT ADDRESSED TO T. R. PRESS, SEVEN THREE ZERO FOUR VARNA AVE

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NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. RIZZI ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT FROM UAL TRUCK THIS A.M.

RIZZI ARRAIGNED BEFORE USC [REDACTED] L.A.,
BOND SET AT THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, REMANDED TO CUSTODY OF USM LA. REPRESENTED BY LAW OFFICES OF [REDACTED] ONE [REDACTED] ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY ABOVE FIRM IS FORMER LAW CLERK OF JUDGE WARREN J. FERGUSON, ALSO DEFENDANT IN SELECTIVE SERVICE CASE WHEREIN ACQUITTED.

IN VIEW OF PAST MODUS OPERANDI OF [REDACTED] IN SEEKING RESTRAINING ORDERS AND INJUNCTIVE ACTIONS TO KEEP EVIDENCE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT, THREE CARTONS WILL BE SHIPPED IMMEDIATELY TO IDENT DIV., FOR LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS, FOR COMPARISONS WITH OBSCENE FILE IN FBI LAB AND HANDWRITING OR HANDPRINTING ON SHIPPING CARTON IT BEING NOTED PRIOR SHIPMENT TO [REDACTED] AND RIZZI HAD LATENT FINGERPRINTS OF [REDACTED] THEREON. FOUR CARTONS OF PLAYING CARDS ENCASED IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS WERE CONTAINED IN THE LARGE CARTON SEIZED THIS DATE. CARTON HANDLED, AS RESULT OF PILFERAGE AT UAL, BEING RETAINED FOR POSSIBLE PRELIMINARY HEARING OR PRESENTATION TO FGJ L.A.

NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE AT UAL JFK IDENTITY OF
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INDIVIDUAL ACCEPTING SHIPMENT, WHETHER INDIVIDUAL PLACING SHIPMENT CAN BE IDENTIFIED, WHETHER REGULAR SHIPPING CLERK OF STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD., KNOWN, IF SO ADVISE IDENT AND LAB FOR PURPOSES OF COMPARISONS OF ANY LATENT DEVELOPED OR FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISONS.

NEW YORK SUTEL RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AND WHETHER OTHER ITOM CASES ON STAR DISTRIBUTORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH THE PLAYING CARDS INVOLVED.

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CALLER LATENT

By hmc Time 1053pm

CC: MR. WALTERS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DR*

DATE: April 8, 1970

FROM : A. Rosen

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Per FOIA Request *(m)*

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
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1 - Mr. Conrad
(Attn: Mr. Brittain)

SUBJECT: *⑥* STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED
NEW YORK CITY
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF OBSCENE MATTER (ITOM)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Walters _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
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The U. S. Attorney's (USA) Office in Washington, D.C., has been conducting an organized attack on local book stores selling obscene matter in Washington, D. C. A number of arrests were made in January, 1970, in connection with this program and all were charged with a violation of a local Washington, D. C., ordinance that is the selling of obscene material. Some of the publications which are being sold are considered by the USA's Office as suitable vehicles for prosecution under the ITOM Statute and we have been conducting an intensified investigation with reference to those obscene publications. This investigation has been conducted independently and designed to culminate in prosecution of those responsible for violation of ITOM.

A source of the Washington Field Office has made available a copy of a pictorial magazine entitled "Shocking Interviews, Volume I, Number 1," which, according to the source, is on sale at the Adam and Eve Book Store, 815 14th Street NW, Washington, D. C. An Assistant USA at Washington, D. C., examined this magazine which was published by Star Distributors, Limited, of New York City and considers it to be a suitable vehicle for prosecution under the ITOM Statute. This magazine contains a quantity of photographs of male and female subjects in various stages of undress and some completely nude embracing, kissing and fondling one another. Some of the photographs depict two females posing in such a manner as to suggest they are engaging in perverse lesbian acts.

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The Assistant USA is desirous of prosecuting Star Distributors, Limited, of New York City for a violation of the ITOM Statute ~~in that~~ that company caused the magazine to be transported in interstate commerce. The USA's Office is also desirous of prosecuting the proprietor of the Adam and Eve Book Store for a violation of a local Washington, D. C., Code which prohibits the sale of obscene material. The USA's Office has authorized the issuance of a local search warrant which will empower the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D. C., to search the premises of the Adam and Eve Book Store, seize all copies of the magazines in question and to arrest the proprietor for selling obscene material. In addition, the USA's Office at Washington, D.C.,

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED

has communicated with the USA's Office in the Southern District of New York and it has been agreed that a Federal search warrant will be issued authorizing Bureau Agents to conduct a search of Star Distributors, Limited, of New York City, which search will be designed to secure shipping documents only, which documents will establish the interstate transportation of the magazine in question which is necessary to sustain a successful ITOM prosecution of Star Distributors, Limited. Both of these searches will occur on Friday, April 10, 1970.

For your information, Star Distributors, Limited, has been designated as one of three principal targets for prosecution by the Strike Force of the Department at the Southern District of New York.

ACTION:

We are following this case closely with Washington Field and New York Offices and will keep you advised of all pertinent developments.

[Handwritten signatures and initials: P, JHM, V, AS, LCB, MZ, WBS]

April 9, 1970

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached pertains to the scheduled raid and search for shipping records at Star Distributors, Ltd., New York City, New York on 4/10/70. This raid is being co-ordinated by the Office of U. S. Attorney in Washington, D. C. where material from Star Distributors, Ltd. has been sold, this material is believed suitable vehicle for prosecution by U. S. Attorney. Raid is also being co-ordinated with the Strike Force in New York. Strike Force is planning a meeting with Department officials 4/9/70 concerning this matter and the possibility of additional prosecutions involving Star Distributors for having shipped similar material to Florida and Texas. We are following this matter closely and will be guided by the Department's determination whether the publications involved are suitable vehicles for prosecution.

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10 20 PM URGENT 4-8-70 JJT

TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

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Per FOIA Request 144

FROM NEW YORK 145-2819

ROBERT DI BERNARDO, AKA also known as DBA STAR

DISTRIBUTORS, ONE FIVE ZERO LAFAYETTE ST NYC MAILING ADDRESS

PO BOX THREE SIX TWO, CANAL STREET STATION NYC. ITOM. 00 NY

REWFOTEL TO DIRECTOR AND NY ENTITLED STAR DISTRIBUTORS

LTD., NY NY MAGAZINE ENTITLED 'SHOCKING INTERVIEWS, VOLUME

ONE NUMBER ONE' ITOM 00. WFO DATED APRIL SEVEN LAST.

RENY REPORT OF SA NEW YORK CITY FEBRUARY NINE LAST.

ENTITLED ROBERT BERNARDO AKA ET AL ITOM 00 NY NY FILE ONE

FOUR FIVE DASH TWO EIGHT ONE NINE.

ON APRIL EIGHT INSTANT FACTS REFLECTED IN RETEL WERE

Assistant United States Attorney

Southern District of New York

DISCUSSED WITH AUSA STRIKE FORCE SDNY NY. FOR

INFOR OF BUREAU ON MARCH NINETEEN LAST AN ITOM CASE INVOLVING

SHIPMENT OF QUOTE FONDLING TYPE END QUOTE MAGAZINE ENTITLED

INTIMATE COMPANIONS SWINGERS SCENE, RAW CONFESSIONS AND BRAZES 1970

CONFESSIONS SHIPPED FROM STAR DISTRIBUTORS TO TROPICAL NEWS, MIAMI,

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FLA., WAS PRESENTED TO AUSA [REDACTED] SDNY. AUSA [REDACTED] STATED THAT SINCE THE STRIKE FORCE SDNY, HAD DESIGNATED STAR DISTRIBUTORS AS A TARGET THIS CASE SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO STRIKE FORCE FOR

THEIR OPINION. ON APRIL EIGHT SEVENTY SAME WAS PRESENTED TO AUSA [REDACTED] STRIKE FORCE SDNY AS WELL AS POSSIBLE ITOM <sup>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OBSCENE MATTER</sup>

VIOLATION ALSO INVOLVING FONDLING TYPE BOOK SHIPPED FROM ^{STAR} ~~STRA~~ NYC TO BROWNS NEWS STAND WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS. AUSA [REDACTED]

ADVISED AFTER RECEIPT OF INFO CONCERNING WFO CASE MIAMI CASE AND WICHITA FALLS CASE THAT ORGANIZED CRIME AND RACKETEERING SECTION OF US ATTORNEYS OFFICE WAS MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL NINE DASH NEXT WHICH MEETING HE AND ENTIRE SDNY STRIKE FORCE WOULD ATTEND AND AT THAT TIME HE WANTED TO DISCUSS FACTS OF

REFERENCED TELETYPE WITH AUSA [REDACTED] MAJOR CRIME UNIT

WDC. SINCE HE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON DC ATTENDING THE MEETING HE WOULD REFER THE FONDLING TYPE MAGAZINE INVOLVED IN THE MIAMI AND WICHITA FALLS CASES TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER THEY WOULD BE SUITABLE VEHICLES FOR POSECUTION UNDER THE ITOM STATUE.

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AUSA [] STATES THAT IF THESE FONDLING TYPE MAGAZINES
ARE DETERMINED TO BE SUITABLE VEHICLES FOR PROSECUTION BY
THE DEPARTMENT HE INTENDS TO OBTAIN SEARCH WARRANTS AND ARREST
WARRANTS IN NYC AND ^{NEW YORK} NYO ^{OFFICE} SERVE SAME IN CONJUNCTION WITH SEARCH
WARRANT REQUESTED IN RETEL. AUSA [] TELPHONICALLY CONTACTED AUSA
[] ^{WASHINGTON, D.C.} WDC AND [] CONSENTED TO HOLDING OFF ON THE
SERVICE OF REQUESTED SEARCH WARRANT UNTIL HE HAS TALKED TO
AUSA [] ON EITHER APRIL NINE OR TEN NEXT. BUREAU AND
WFO WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.
END AIRMAIL BEING SENT ^{OT} DALLAS AND MIAMI.
WA.....LRC FBI WASH DC
WFO....

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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Date: 4/17/70

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (145-2819)

SUBJECT: STAR DISTRIBUTORS LTD.,
New York, New York,
Magazine Entitled,
"Shocking Interview",
Volume I, Number 1,
ITOM
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Re NY telephone call to the Bureau and WFO,
 4/16/70.

On 4/16/70, AUSA [redacted] Strike Force, SDNY, New York, NY, advised that he had been in telephonic contact with AUSA [redacted] Major Crimes Unit, USA's Office, Washington, DC, several times during the day of 4/16/70. AUSA [redacted] advised that as a result of these telephone conversations, the serving of a search warrant on Star Distributors, New York, NY, was being held in abeyance, and a search warrant would not be served by the NYO on 4/17/70. AUSA [redacted] further advised that AUSA [redacted] was going to discuss this case with the Department, and action against Star Distributors would probably be taken in the near future. Contact will be maintained with AUSA [redacted]

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Bureau and WFO were advised of above by re call.

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- ② Bureau
 1- Washington Field (145-2819)
 1- New York

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Approved: _____
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

April 17, 1970
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached concerns the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter case involving a magazine entitled "Shocking Interviews" published by Star Distributors, Limited of New York City. This case was the subject of a Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 4-8-70. Assistant U. S. Attorneys in Washington, D. C. and New York City had earlier agreed that a search warrant would be issued in New York on Friday 4-17-70 which would be executed at Star Distributors by Bureau Agents. The purpose of this search warrant was to locate shipping documents relative to the shipping of the magazine "Shocking Interviews" from New York City to Washington, D. C. bookstore. In the late afternoon of 4-16-70 the U. S. Attorneys at Washington and New York mutually agreed to delay the execution of the above described search warrant since they were uncertain as to where successful prosecution of Star could be best initiated. They advised they would resolve this controversy at an early date with the Department of Justice. This case is not to be confused with a similar case involving the Potomac News Company of Washington, D. C. by [redacted] Search warrants in the case are scheduled to be served next Friday, 4-24-70. We are following these cases closely.

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Date: 4/16/70

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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
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Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (145-536)

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① STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD., NEW YORK, NEW YORK, MAGAZINE

ENTITLED "SHOCKING INTERVIEWS, VOLUME ONE, NUMBER ONE", INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF ITOM, OBSCENE MATTER

Office of Origin

OO: WASHINGTON FIELD

Assistant United States Attorney

AT FIVE FORTY P.M., INSTANT, AUSA [REDACTED] MAJOR

CRIMES UNIT, U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED WFO

THAT DURING P.M., INSTANT, HE CONFERRED WITH AUSA [REDACTED]

STRIKE FORCE, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, RE SCHEDULED FBI RAID OF
STAR DISTRIBUTORS, NEW YORK CITY, APRIL SEVENTEEN, NEXT.

DURING CONVERSATION [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] COULD NOT AGREE AS
TO CITY WHERE PROSECUTION OF STAR COULD BEST BE PRESENTED, AND
MUTUALLY AGREED IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO DELAY SCHEDULED RAID UNTIL
THAT ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Approved: [Signature] 7300 Sent _____ M Per _____

59 APR 24 1970 Agent in Charge

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Date:

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AUSA ADVISED RAID OF STAR NOT CANCELLED BUT DELAYED
UNTIL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COULD DETERMINE BEST PLACE FOR
PROSECUTION OF STAR.

NEW YORK HOLD PLANS FOR RAID OF STAR IN ABEYANCE PENDING
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. P.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Brittain

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Washington Field Office
(145-536)

Date: June 4, 1970

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD.,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK,
MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SHOCKING
INTERVIEWS, VOLUME 1,
NUMBER 1"
ITOM

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No.

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Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

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Reference: Letter 5/20/70

Examination requested: Document

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1 - New York (145-2819) Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Washington Field Office
(145-536)

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD.,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK,
MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SHOCKING
INTERVIEWS, VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1"
ITOM

Date: June 4, 1970
FBI File No. 145-4279
Lab. No. D-700521013 AV

*Q7-Q8 destroyed Bureau Rec #18
4/3/71
Burned 9/2/71
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Specimens received 5/20/70

Two magazines further described as follows:

Specimen	Title	Number	Volume	Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)
Q7	PLAYMATES	32	1	
Q8	SHOCKING INTERVIEWS	1	1	STAR DISTRIBUTORS P.O. BOX 362, CANAL ST. STATION, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013

Result of examination:

The magazines described above as specimens Q7 and Q8 were not identified with magazines of a similar nature which have been received previously in the Laboratory.

Specimens Q7 and Q8 are retained in the Laboratory.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Walters _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD.,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK,
MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SHOCKING
INTERVIEWS, VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1"
ITOM
OO: Washington Field Office

File # 145-4279 -14
Lab. # D-700521013 AV

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office (145-536) Letter 5/20/70

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 5/20/70

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Brittain *6/1/70*

1. N.F. Q7 & Q8 in Q.F.
2. Retain evidence

Specimens submitted for examination

Two magazines further described as follows:

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)</u>
MTQ7	PLAYMATES	2	1	DISTRIBUTED BY STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD. NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MTQ8	SHOCKING INTERVIEWS	1	1	STAR DISTRIBUTORS P.O. BOX 362, CANAL ST. STATION, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/20/70

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, WFO (145-536) (P)

SUBJECT: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD.,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK,
MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SHOCKING
INTERVIEWS, VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1"
ITOM
(OO:WFO)

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Re WFO teletype to the Bureau and New York, dated 4/7/70; WFO teletype to Bureau and New York, dated 4/16/70.

One copy of instant communication furnished for the information of New York in view of New York's investigative interest in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau under "OBSCENE" cover is one copy each of the following publications:

Magazine "Shocking Interviews, Volume 1, Number 1"

Magazine "Playmates, Volume 1, Number 2."

It is noted the above described publications are distributed by Star Distributors, Ltd., New York, New York.

On 4/2/70, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the enclosed magazines and supporting documents reflecting interstate shipment of said magazines to Bureau Agents.

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- 1 - New York (145-2819) (Info)
- 1 - WFO

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On 4/6/70, AUSA [] Washington, D. C., observed captioned magazine, determined it to be obscene, and to have been brought into Washington, D. C., in violation of [] ITOM. It is noted that captioned magazine was presented to AUSA [] prior to submission to the FBI Laboratory due to AUSA [] specific request.

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On 5/7/70, and 5/15/70, AUSA [] was contacted and advised that no decision had been made to date regarding the prosecutive status of instant matter.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Examine enclosed publications to determine if they are identical to publications previously received by the Laboratory, and maintain said publications as possible evidence in instant matter.

WFO will maintain contact with AUSA [] re status of case.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Miami (145-703)**Date: **September 8, 1970**

**ROBERT DE BERNARDO, aka; et al.;
aka Star Distributors, 150
Lafayette Street, New York City,
New York, aka;
ITOM**

OO: New York

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 Lab. No. **D-700931081 AV**
Examination requested by: **Miami**Reference: **Letter 8/26/70**Examination requested: **Document**

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2 - New York (145-2319) Enclosures (8) (2 Lab report)
 1 - Dallas (145-489) Enclosure (Lab report)
 1 - New Orleans (145-243) Enclosure (Lab report)
 1 - Washington Field Office (145-852) Enclosure (Lab report)

Tolson _____
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of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Miami (145-763)**

Date: **September 8, 1970**

FBI File No. **145-4270**

Re: **ROBERT DE BERNARDO, aka; et al.;
aka Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette
Street, New York City, New York,
etc.;
ETC.**

Lab. No. **D-700331031 AV**

*Q9-Q14 destroyed Ben
Buy #18 4/7/71
Banned 9/2/71*

Specimens received **8/23/70**

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Six magazines further described as follows:

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)</u>
Q9	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	3	1	—
Q10	RIGHT	1	1	—
Q11	NAKED SWAPPERS	2	1	—
Q12	NAKED UPRISEN	1	1	—
Q13	TEMPO	1	1	—
Q14	UNMASKED NOW	—	—	—

Result of examination:

No additional copies of the magazines described above as specimens Q9 through Q14 were found to have been submitted previously to the Laboratory.

In accordance with your request, specimens Q9 through Q14 are returned herewith.

Tolson _____
Sullivan _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Brennan, C.D. _____
Callahan _____
Casper _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: ROBERT DI BERNARDO, aka; ET AL.;
dba Star Distributors,
150 Lafayette Street,
New York City, New York, etc.
ITOM
OO: New York

File # 145-4279 -15
Lab. # D-700831061 AV

Examination requested by: Miami (145-703) letter 8/26/70

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 8/28/70 *CWB*

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Brittian *9/3/70*

1. N.I. Q9 → Q14 in OF.

2. Return evidence #4 + #5 enw.

Specimens submitted for examination

Six magazines further described as follows:

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)</u>
<i>NI</i> Q9	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	3	1	-----
<i>NI</i> Q10	KISSIT	1	1	-----
<i>NI</i> Q11	NAKED SWAPPERS	2	1	-----
<i>NI</i> Q12	NAKED UPRISIN'	1	1	-----
<i>NI</i> Q13	TEMPO'	1	1	-----
<i>NI</i> Q14	UNMASKED NOW!	--	--	-----

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (145-4279) DATE: 8/26/70
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY (D-691215026 AV)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (145-703) (P)

SUBJECT: ROBERT DI BERNARDO, aka; ET AL 700831061
dba Star Distributors,
150 Lafayette Street,
New York City, New York, etc.
ITOM
(00 - NEW YORK)

Re New York letter to Bureau, dated 6/29/70, and
Miami letter to Bureau, dated 8/5/70.

Enclosed for the attention of the FBI Laboratory
are the following described six magazines, labeled OBSCENE:

- (1) "Tempo", Volume 1, #1
- (2) "Naked Uprisin'", Volume 1, #1
- (3) "Kissit", Volume 1, #1
- (4) "Unmasked Now"
- (5) "Intimate Companions," Volume 1, #3
- (6) "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, #2

The above identified magazines were obtained by SA
WILLIAM P. KELLY, by purchase, at \$3.50 each, on 8/19/70, from
ROBERT MESSINA, warehouseman, Tropical News, Inc., 18335 N.E.

- ENCLOSURE
- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM) REG/86 145-4279-15
1 - Dallas (145-439) (Info)
1 - New Orleans (145-348) (Info)
2 - New York (145-2819)
1 - Washington Field Office (145-536) (Info)
1 - Miami
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1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida, (-a wholesale distributor). MESSINA had earlier advised that these six magazines were sent to Tropical News, Inc., by Star Distributors, New York City. MESSINA stated he did not have access to the Star invoices on the bills of lading covering the interstate shipment of these magazines, but that [redacted] of Tropical News, Inc., would have these records. To date, Miami has been unable to contact [redacted] for the purpose of viewing pertinent records. [redacted] has been generally cooperative with the Miami Office in the past. The enclosed magazines were purchased on request of USA ROBERT W. RUST, Miami, who is still considering prosecution of subjects DI BERNARDO and [redacted] [redacted] for violation of the ITOM Statute, based upon his review of the contents of the above six magazines, plus the four similar type Star magazines previously submitted to the Laboratory and to New York. RUST is awaiting advice from the USDC regarding proper procedural methods in ITOM publication matters.

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The Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed six magazines to determine if similar material has previously been submitted to the Laboratory.

Thereafter, the Laboratory is requested to return the enclosed six magazines to Miami for use in possible prosecutive action.

It is noted that Mr. RUST advised on 8/14/70, that an attorney of the USDJ advised him that magazines similar to the enclosed are not hard core publications and ITOM prosecution regarding these magazines was not recommended by the USDJ attorney. Nevertheless, Mr. RUST is at present inclined toward prosecution of the principals of Star Distributors.

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Information copies are furnished to Dallas, New Orleans and Washington Field Office in view of the interest of those offices in this matter.

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TITLE OF CASE ROBERT DI BERNARDO, aka Robert Bernardo (TRUE NAME), Robert DiBernarda, Robert R. DiBernardo, Frank Ferri, "DB":		REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM P. KELLY	TYPED BY jkj
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITOM	

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dba Star Distributors, 150
Lafayette Street, New York City,
New York. Mailing Address
P. O. Box 362
Canal Street Station
New York, New York

Deleted Copy Sent DiBernardo
by Letter 10-20-76
Per FOIA Request kw

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/9/70, New York.
Miami letters (2) to Bureau, dated 8/5 and 8/26/70.
Miami letter to New York, dated 9/14/70.
Bureau letter to Miami, dated 9/8/70.
New York letter to Miami, dated 9/30/70.

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BALTIMORE, LOS ANGELES AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE: (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this report are furnished to Baltimore, Los Angeles and Washington Field Office since all of these offices have an interest in the magazine publications of Star Distributors.

NEW YORK:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will attempt to obtain copies of appropriate freight bills covering pertinent shipments of Star Distributors magazines at "Inland", (a freight carrier), specific address unknown, in New York City area, covering the following invoices of Star Distributors, for shipments from Star to Tropical News, 18335 N.E. 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida:

<u>Date Shipped</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Number of Cartons</u>	<u>Magazine Titles</u>
10/17/69	Inland	One	"Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 3, and "Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3
10/29/69	"	"	"Raw Confessions" and "Brazen Confessions"

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Date Shipped	Carrier	Number of Cartons	Magazine Titles
2/26/70	Inland	Two	"Swingers Scene" (number unknown)
5/5/70	"	Four	"Unmasked Now", "Naked Uprisin'", and "Tempo", Volume 1, No. 1
6/4/70	"	Four	"Kissit" and "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2

MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

(1) Will continue to follow this matter with USA ROBERT W. RUST for a prosecutive opinion as to the 10 Star Distributors magazines furnished to him by the Miami Office, all of which were locally purchased at Dade County, Florida.

(2) Following the completion of this investigation will cause the 10 magazines in this matter to be directed to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate disposition.

(3) At the conclusion of this case, will cause to be returned to

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[redacted]
[redacted] which he furnished to a Federal Grand Jury at Miami on [redacted] and [redacted] Miami Office by that Federal Grand Jury for use in this investigation.

- ADMINISTRATIVE -

It is noted that New York letter to the Director, dated June 29, 1970, advised that Strike Force attorney [redacted] Southern District of New York, stated on 9/25/70, that he was declining prosecution under the ITOM Statute of the borderline magazines of Star Distributors, since these magazines do not reflect any normal or abnormal intercourse and are a fondling type publication, which would not be a suitable vehicle for prosecution in the Southern District of New York.

[redacted] suggested that Star Distributors publications be presented in other Federal Districts where there might be a more stringent view toward obscenity.

On August 20, 1970, a copy of referenced report of SA [redacted] dated 2/9/70, at New York, was furnished to USA ROBERT W. RUST, Miami, Florida.

By letter, dated September 30, 1970, the New York Office advised that by letter, dated July 2, 1970, the Dallas Office informed New York that AUSA [redacted] Northern District of Texas at Ft. Worth, Texas, declined prosecution

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relative to Star Distributors magazines distributed in that Federal District because [redacted] felt the material was borderline; "not in the nature of obscenity."

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- INFORMANTS -

The "source" referred to in FD-302 of 8/5/70, set out in details of this report is former Miami PCI

[redacted]
chain sexually oriented bookstore located at Hollywood, Florida.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida
(Attention: United States Attorney ROBERT W. RUST)

Report of: WILLIAM P. KELLY

Office: Miami, Florida

Date: OCT 20 1970

Field Office File #: 145-703

Bureau File #: 145-4279

Title: ROBERT DI BERNARDO;
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Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

Synopsis:

On 8/4/70, USA ROBERT W. RUST, SDF, Miami, Fla., was furnished Star Distributors magazines "Brazen Confessions", "Raw Confessions", "Intimate Confession," Volume 1, No. 1, and "Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 3. Mr. RUST stated he would present these magazines to a Judge for a judicial determination of obscenity. Six additional Star Distributors magazines were purchased from wholesaler Tropical News Company, Dade County, Fla., on 8/19/70. These included "Tempo", Volume 1, No. 1, "Naked Uprisin'", Volume 1, No. 1, "Kissit", Volume 1, No. 1, "Unmasked Now", "Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3, and "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2.

on 9/1/70, declined to furnish the FBI with

was subpoenaed before a Federal Grand Jury, Miami,

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DETAILS:

All investigation reflected in this report was conducted by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY, unless otherwise stated.

On August 4, 1970, the following Star Distributors magazine publications were furnished to United States Attorney ROBERT W. RUST, Southern District of Florida, for a prosecutive opinion as to a violation of the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute:

"Brazen Confessions"

"Raw Confessions"

"Intimate Confession", Volume 1, No. 1

"Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 3

Mr. RUST stated on August 4, 1970, he would take the contents of the above identified four magazines under advisement. He stated he intended to present the magazines to a Judge of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, in order to obtain a prior judicial determination of obscenity.

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Source, a person who has direct information regarding magazines and other publications sold by [redacted] [redacted] book stores, advised as follows:

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Source advised that while a considerable number of magazines bearing the distribution imprint of Star Distributors, Canal Street Station, New York, New York, are handled by [redacted] at its various retail stores in the South Florida area, source is relatively sure that all of these magazines come to the [redacted] the [redacted] Overstock Book Company, Deer Park, Long Island, New York, rather than from the distributor themselves, such as Star.

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Source stated he has no access to the records of interstate transportation of any of the merchandise sold by [redacted]

Source identified the following magazine publications of Star Distributors as being on the racks and for sale at a store of [redacted] as of August 5, 1970:

"Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 4 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Embrace", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Intimate Affair", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Whiplash Lovers", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Lucky Tales", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

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"The Touchables", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50,
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Swingers Confessions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50,
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Secret Affair", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50,
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Raw Confessions", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50,
(no publisher listed in magazine, but imprint "SD" appears
on front cover.)

"Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 1, - \$3.50,
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Cheaters", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50, distributor
identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Wild Confessions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50,
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Soulmates", Volume 1, - \$3.50, distributor
identified in magazine as Star Distributors, (lesbian
publication).

"Embrace", Issue One, - \$3.50, distributor
identified in magazine as Star Distributors, (contains no
obscene story line.)

"Brazen Confessions", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50,
(no publisher's name listed in magazine, but bears imprint
"SD" on cover.

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"Play Time", price \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors, (contains no obscene story line.)

"Amore", price \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors, (lesbian magazine), (contains no obscene story line).

"Soulmates", Volume 1, No. 2, no price, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"His n' Hers", Volume 1, no price, no distributor listed, no obscene story line.

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8/11/70

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On the morning of August 5, 1970, SA WILLIAM P. KELLY examined magazine publications for sale at [redacted]

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[redacted] Hollywood, Florida, in an effort to locate and identify publications of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, and Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York.

The following publications which bore either the name of Star Distributors inside the magazine or the imprint "SD" on the front cover of the magazine were located at the above identified book store:

"Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 4 - \$3.50.

"Embrace", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Intimate Affair", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"Whiplash Lovers", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"Lusty Tales", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"The Touchables", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Swingers Confessions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"Secret Affair", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Raw Confessions", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"Cheaters", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Wild Confessions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

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"Soulmates", Volume 1, - \$3.50, (a lesbian type magazine).

"Embrace", Issue One, - \$3.50.

"Brazen Confessions", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Play Time", price \$3.50.

"Amore", price \$3.50, (a lesbian type magazine.)

"Soulmates", Volume 1, No. 2, no price.

"His n' Hers", Volume 1, no price.

A perusal of the photographs contained in each of the above magazines reflected a heavy sexual theme with males and females engaged in sexual contact of various descriptions, exclusive of sexual intercourse or obvious acts of sexual perversion. Two of the magazines, specifically "Soulmates", Volume 1 and "Amore" contained photographs of females engaged in various activities with other females.

With the exception of the magazines entitled "Embrace", Issue No. One, "Play Time", "Amore" and "His n' Hers", which appear to bear no story lines describing activities relating to sexual intercourse and/or sexual perversions of various types, all of the other magazines were noted to have very specific story lines relating to most specific acts of sexual intercourse and/or various types of sexual perversions.

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ROBERT MESSINA, Warehouseman, Tropical News, Inc., 18335 N.E. 1st Avenue, a wholesaler of paperback books and magazines, advised that Tropical News handles magazines distributed by Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, New York, and Post Office Box 362 Canal Street Station, New York, New York.

MESSINA identified the following magazine publications as having been received by Tropical News, Inc., from Star Distributors and which magazines were in stock at Tropical News, Inc., on August 5, 1970:

"Tempo, Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50 (no publisher identified in magazine.)

"Naked Uprisin", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50 (no publisher listed inside magazine.)

"Kissit", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50 (no publisher listed inside magazine.)

"Unmasked Now" - \$3.50 (no publisher listed inside magazine, front cover bears imprint "SD".

"Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3 - \$3.50, (no publisher listed inside magazine, front cover bears imprint "DS".

"Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2 (front cover bears imprint "SD".

MESSINA stated that the above identified magazines arrived at Tropical News Company by unidentified truck shipment between March and May, 1970, in unrecalled specific quantities which were rather small. MESSINA stated that he did not have ready access to the having

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On 8/5/70 at Dade County, Florida File # Miami 145-703

by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY:jkj Date dictated 8/7/70

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to do with the interstate transportation of the above identified magazines, but stated that the [redacted] Tropical News, Inc., [redacted] who was not available on August 5, 1970, would have these documents.

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MESSINA pointed out that he is 68 years old and is in extremely poor health, suffering from a heart condition as well as being an epileptic. He stated that in the event testimony is required relative to any publications handled by Tropical News, Inc., the proper person to be subpoenaed would be [redacted]

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On August 14, 1970, United States Attorney RUST advised that an attorney associated with the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., had advised Mr. RUST that magazines similar to the above-identified four Star Distributors publications are not considered hard core obscene publications and that Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter prosecution relative to this type of publication was not recommended.

On August 18, 1970, Mr. RUST advised that he was inclined toward authorizing Federal prosecution relative to the above identified four Star Distributors magazines, but would later make a final decision in this regard.

Mr. RUST requested that additional sample magazines distributed by Star Distributors in the South Florida area be obtained and submitted to him.

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8/21/70

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The following identified six magazines were purchased by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY from ROBERT MESSINA, warehouseman, Tropical News, Inc., 18335 N.E. 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida, at a price of \$3.50 each:

- (1) "Tempo", Volume 1, No. 1.
- (2) "Naked Uprisin'", Volume 1, No. 1.
- (3) "Kissit", Volume 1, No. 1.
- (4) "Unmasked Now."
- (5) "Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3.
- (6) "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2.

Relative to the magazines "Tempo", "Naked Uprisin'" and "Kissit", no publisher or distributor identification was noted on these three magazines.

However, the imprint "SD" was observed on the front cover of the magazines entitled "Unmasked Now," "Intimate Companions" and "Naked Swappers." The imprint "SD" on the magazine "Intimate Companions" was printed upside down.

ROBERT MESSINA stated that while he is the warehouseman at Tropical News, Inc., he does not have invoices of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, concerning the six magazines listed above nor the [redacted]

[redacted] of these magazines.

MESSINA stated that these documents would most likely be in the possession of the [redacted] Tropical News,

8/19/70 at Dade County, Florida //

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Inc., [redacted] who was not available as of
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On August 21, 1970, Mr. RUST reviewed the six additional magazines of Star Distributors obtained by purchase on August 19, 1970, but furnished no final prosecutive opinion.

Relative to the six magazines of Star Distributors, purchased at Tropical News, Dade County, Florida, on August 19, 1970, and thereafter transmitted to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., during late August, 1970, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows on September 8, 1970:

Six magazines further described as follows:

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)</u>
Q9	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	3	1	-----
Q10	KISSIT	1	1	-----
Q11	NAKED SWAPPERS	2	1	-----
Q12	NAKED UPRISIN'	1	1	-----
Q13	TEMPO	1	1	-----
Q14	UNMASKED NOW!	--	--	-----

Result of examination:

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No additional copies of the magazines described above as specimens Q9 through Q14 were found to have been submitted previously to the Laboratory.